We had improved and when we come to the cost, the cost is at IPP—International Parity Price—and the difference between this IPP and the cost of production the Government is trying to subsidize from Government's budget so that this industry could be kept alive. Till the recession does not go out from the shipping industry and we do not get more orders for ship-building, the shipyards have to be helped by budgetary support because it is one of the important units in our public sector.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Sir, on the one hand our shipyards are under-utilized and, on the other, we are placing orders out-side our country, that too in a big way. Therefore, I would like to know whether we are not in a position to build the required ships and therefore we are placing orders outside. If that is the case, why are we not improving our technical know-how and technology so that we can build ships here? So, my question is, why are you placing orders outside and why are you not improving your technology?

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Sir, it is a fact that we had placed orders on foreign shipyards and bought some ships from them The main factor is, sometimes, our requirements in the commercial line in the shipping industry. Sometimes, SCI and even private companies are in need of developing their business, and we too give them permission in such a ratio that supposing their requirement is five ships we make it compulsory that they will have it in the ratio of 3 : 2 or something like that so that indigenous production is also kept apace. As far as utility is concerned, we have the technical know-how in our own country and we are proud that now the Defence requirement is also being taken care by these two shipyards so that these shipyards can be kept busy At the moment I can only assure the House that if the factors which have put our ship-building and shipyards in the red were mainly because of very low productivity, Government is putting in efforts to improve the productivity. Then, Sir, the system is such that the losses were very much and the interest burden on the shipyards was very high. We are trying to restructure the financial position of the shipyards. But the main thing is the productivity and the order book Both have been taken care of by the Government. From the Department side we are trying to improve the productivity, and from the Government side we are trying to have diversification. We have taken orders from the ONGC to have offshore platforms made in the shipyards and some diversification which could be possible in both the shipyards which will improve the productivity and the financial position of both the shipyards.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Sir, my question has not been answered. My question was why you are not developing the technology and why you are depending upon the outside world. A very long marine coast we have got Why is the technology not being developed?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Technological development.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: As far as the technology is concerned, we are developing our own technology in the country, and we are at par with all the developed countries Today because of the order book we cannot really match with the foreign shipyards. As I have mentioned, the input costs in those shipyards are much cheaper Other governments are subsidising shipbuilding to a greater extent which our country cannot afford There are shipyards in Korea. They say "You buy the ship today"

MR. CHAIRMAN: He wants to know whether there are some types of ships which you cannot build, and, therefore, they are imported.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: In technology we are not lacking anywhere Whatever our requirement is there, we are up to date, Sir.

**Bed strength of Safdarjang hospital**

*464. SHRI M. KADHARSHA Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite manifold increase in patient load, bed strength in Safdarjang Hospital New Delhi has practically remained constant during the last decade,

(b) whether a large number of patients are referred daily to Safdarjang Hospital from All India Institute of Medical Sciences on the plea of non-availability of beds at the Institute,

(c) whether it is also a fact that the specialities like Haematology and Nuclear Medicine have not been developed at all at the Safdarjang Hospital; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. The patient load in different areas of hospital activity has increased substantially during the last decade The sanctioned bed strength has however, remained the same during this period

(b) Yes, Sir. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences is referring serious cases to Safdarjang Hospital and other hospitals due to non-availability of beds in the concerned specialities.

(c) No, Sir The Department of Nuclear Medicine and Haematology is functioning at Safdarjang Hospital.

(d) It will not be practicable to increase the bed strength beyond the existing level taking into account the organisational constraints. However, to relieve the pressure in Government hospitals in Delhi action has already been taken to establish three 500 bedded hospitals at Hari Nagar, Shahdara and Rohini and seven 100 bedded hospitals at Mangolpuri, Khichripur, Jaffarpur, Sirsapur Jahangirpuri, Pooth Khurd and Chhattarpur/Maidan Garhi. Two of the 500 bedded hospitals namely Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital at Shahdara and Deen Dayal Upadhayay Hospital at Harinagar have been partly commissioned. Out of the 100 bedded hospitals, construction on three hospitals at Mangolpuri, Jaffarpur and Khichripur has already commenced

To improve the facilities available at Safdarjang Hosiptal, the addition of a new modern out patient department is under examination. Action has also been initiated to establish new specialities in the field of Nephrology, Respiratory Diseases, Gastro-enterology, Endocrinology, and a Drug De-addiction Centre.

SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Why did you not lay the statement on the Table of the House when the reply is so long?

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: I do not mind laying it on the Table of the House It is a major answer I am giving .

SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Why did you not very long because your questions are

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: It is not very long because your questions are such that I have to answer like that

SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Sir, whether it is a fact, that a high-powered committee under the chairmanship of Dr. K. P. Mathur was constituted to go into the anomalies of the Satdarjang Hospital. If so, I want to know whether it has submitted its report and what was the follow-up action taken by the Government

SHRI P V NARASIMHA RAO: There is no time for giving a long answer you will need I will send the answer to you if you want

SHRI M KADHARSHA. May I put my second supplementary, Sir?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, yes

SHRI M KADHARSHA: Sir, the Minister himself has admitted

MR CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.